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In re International PCT Application of:)
TANOX, INC.)
International Application No.:)
PCT/US2004/020296) Examiner: To Be Assigned
International Filing Date: June 25, 2004)
For: HUMAN MAST CELL-EXPRESSED) Case: 1043
MEMBRANE PROTEIN (GPCR))

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the Application according to the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.